## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, SOUTHERN DIVISION

ASD SPECIALITY HEALTHCARE, INC., d/b/a	)	
ONCOLOGY SUPPLY COMPANY	)	
2801 Horace Shepard Drive,	)	
Dothan, Alabama 36303,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	<b>CIVIL ACTION NO.:</b>
VS.	)	1:05CV592-T
	)	
ROBERT G. HICKES, M.D.,	)	
1301 Trumansburg Road, Suite Q	)	
Ithaca, New York 14850,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

#### **ANSWER**

COMES now ROBERT G. HICKES, M.D. P.C. (the "Professional Corporation"), and for its answer to the First Amended Complaint says as follows:

- 1-4. The Professional Corporation admits to the averments of paragraphs 1-4.
- 5-6. The Professional Corporation denies the averments of paragraphs 5-6.
- 7. The Professional Corporation admits to the averments of paragraph 7.
- 8. The Professional Corporation denies the averments of paragraph 8.
- 9-12. The Professional Corporation admits the averments of paragraphs 9-12.
- 13. The Professional Corporation denies the averments of paragraph 13.
- 14. The Professional Corporation incorporates its previous responses.
- 15-18. The Professional Corporation admits the averments of these paragraphs.
- 19. The Professional Corporation incorporates its previous responses.

- 20-25. The Professional Corporation admits the averments of these paragraphs.
- 26. The Professional Corporation incorporates its previous responses.
- 27-33. The Professional Corporation admits the averments of these paragraphs.
- 34. The Professional Corporation incorporates its previous responses.
- 35-37. The Professional Corporation admits the averments of paragraphs 35-37.
- 38. The Professional Corporation incorporates its previous responses.
- 39-41. The Professional Corporation denies the averments of paragraphs 39-41.
- 42. The Professional Corporation incorporates its previous responses.
- 43-49. The Professional Corporation denies the averments of paragraphs 43-49.

#### **FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

This Court lacks jurisdiction over the Professional Corporation.

### **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The plaintiff's claims against the Professional Corporation are barred by estoppel.

#### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The plaintiff's claims against the Professional Corporation are barred by waiver.

#### **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The plaintiff's claims against the Professional Corporation are barred by Statute of Limitations.

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Answer has been severed electronically to the following said individuals and/or by placing same in the U.S. First Class Mail, as follows:

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This the  $28^{th}$  day of February, 2006.

\s\ C. Ellis Brazeal III
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